

RENTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

January 12, 1998 Council Chambers
Monday, 7:30 p.m. Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; TONI NELSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON; KING PARKER; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; DAVID DEAN, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; RETIRING CHIEF ALAN L. WALLIS, Police Department; INCOMING CHIEF GARRY ANDERSON, Police Department; COMMANDER CURTIS SMALLING, Police Department; CHIEF A. LEE WHEELER, Fire Department; BATTALION CHIEF KRIS HANSON, Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION Police Award to Retiring Chief Alan L. Wallis

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring the week of January 12, 1998, to be Chief Alan Wallis Week in the City of Renton, expressing pride, praise and gratitude for the excellent leadership and policing which Chief Wallis provided to the Renton Police Department and the entire Renton community from March 15, 1983 to January 9, 1998. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

Mayor Tanner then presented a certificate and a plaque to Chief Wallis, thanking him for his service to the City over the last 15 years.

Chief Wallis described his pride in the men and women who provide Renton's law enforcement services, and expressed confidence that his replacement will ably lead the department.

INSTALLATION OF POLICE CHIEF Police Swearing-in of New Chief Garry Anderson

Mayor Tanner administered the oath of office to Garry Anderson, newly appointed Chief of Police, and presented him with the badge of the position.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS Council Award to Retiring

Mayor Tanner presented a plaque and a certificate to

Council Secretary Billie J. Dunphy

retiring Council Secretary Billie J. Dunphy, who has served the City Council for over 20 years. He expressed sincere appreciation to Ms. Dunphy for her many years of valuable service.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Assistant Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1998 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * Concentrations of polychloroethylene (PCE) in Well #8 continue to decline, having peaked in September. Although the water from this well is safe for consumption, it has not yet been reintroduced into the drinking water supply.
- * The Fire Prevention Plan Review and Inspection unit issued 73 permits for construction and installation of fire alarms and sprinklers in December, a 57% increase over the same month last year.

Responding to Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler, Mayor Tanner said the Army Corps of Engineers has authorized the City to proceed with dredging of the Cedar River during the current construction season. The Mayor added that the City of Seattle has offered to share in the cost of this project, in addition to King County and The Boeing Company.

AUDIENCE COMMENT Citizen Comment Carlson - Adult Book Stores Moratorium

Heidi Carlson, 806 Index Ct. NE, Renton, 98056, noted that the City's current moratorium on adult book stores expires January 28th. She urged Council to extend this moratorium for another six months, emphasizing that Renton's citizens do not want any more of these stores locating near elementary schools.

Executive Assistant Jay Covington replied that staff agrees the moratorium should be extended, since the City is still working to analyze information on the impacts of this type of use. A proposal to extend the moratorium will be brought to Council on January 26th.

Citizen Comment Wright - Adult Book Stores Moratorium

Gale Wright, 1033 Sunset Blvd. NE #11, Renton, 98056, supported the continuance of the moratorium on adult book stores. She also asked that the City not allow the operator of the adult book store in the Highlands to expand his use to include a tattoo parlor. Noting her concern that an estimated 60 pedophiles live within the the 98056 zip code area, she added that the Renton School Board recently adopted a resolution expressing its opposition to the siting of adult-oriented businesses in proximity to the walking routes of elementary students to their schools.

Mayor Tanner acknowledged receipt of the resolution, which accompanied a letter from Renton School District Superintendent Dolores J. Gibbons.

Citizen Comment Smith - Adult Book Stores Moratorium

Matthew Smith, 251 Langston Rd., Renton, 98055, said as someone who used to be addicted to pornography, he could personally attest to its detrimental and intensely negative effects. He urged that pornography not be allowed, in view of the many problems it causes.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. Council President Edwards noted the addition of an item proposing a limited hydroplane race on Lake Washington, for referral to the Community Services Committee.

CAG 97-175, Asbestos, Lead & PCB Abatement for Mazda & Holm Bldgs, Wm Dickson Co

City Clerk reported bid opening on 12/19/97 for CAG-97-175, Asbestos, Lead and PCB Abatement for the Mazda and Holm Buildings; ten bids; engineer's estimate \$181,500; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, William Dickson Company, in the amount of \$77,400. Council concur.

Appeal Carport Setback Variance Request, 2308 SE 19th St, Williams/AAD-97-166

City Clerk submitted appeal of Hearing Examiner's decision denying the appeal from an administrative decision regarding a request for a carport setback variance at 2308 SE 19th St.; appeal filed on 12/29/97 by Terry and Gina Williams (AAD-97-166). Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

Court Case 98-0 1, Franz v Renton

Court Case filed by Scott J. Terry, 400 W. Gowe, Kent, 98032, representing Eve Franz, claiming damages in an undetermined amount for injuries sustained on 1/04/95 when plaintiff fell near the Renton Senior Activity Center, allegedly due to an uneven walkway. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

Development Services Sign Code Amendments (Automall Freestanding Signs, Electronic Msg Boards)

Development Services Division submitted proposed amendments to the Sign Code to allow larger freestanding signs for auto dealerships located in the Automall, and to permit electronic message board signs in commercial and industrial zones. Refer to Planning & Development Committee; set public hearing for February 2, 1998, to take testimony on the proposed changes.

Rezone Liberty Park, from P-1 to CA, R-97-113

Hearing Examiner recommended approval of City-sponsored rezone of Liberty Park from P-1 (Public Use) to Arterial Commercial (CA), File No. R-97-113. Council concur. (See page 18 for ordinance.)

Rezone Cedar River Trail Park, from P-1 to IH, R-97-114

Hearing Examiner recommended approval of City-sponsored rezone of Cedar River Trail Park from P-1 (Public Use) to Heavy Industrial (IH), File No. R-97-114. Council concur. (See page 18 for ordinance.)

Rezone King County Drainage Channel (Monster Rd) from P-1 to RC, R-97-116

Hearing Examiner recommended approval of City-sponsored rezone of the King County Drainage Channel located north of Monster Rd. SW, on the north side of the channel drainage pond, from P-1 (Public Use) to Resource Conservation (RC), File No. R-97-116. Council concur. (See page 18 for ordinance.)

Rezone Wash St Drainage Channel (Monster Rd) from P-1 to RC, R-97-117

Hearing Examiner recommended approval of City-sponsored rezone of the Washington State Drainage Channel located at approximately 556 Monster Road SW from P-1 (Public Use) to Resource Conservation (RC), File

No. R-97-117. Council concur. (See page 19 for ordinance.)

Added Item

Parks Hydroplane Race at
Gene Coulon Park

Community Services Department recommended that a limited hydroplane race be held at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park on April 25 and 26, 1998, under the sanction of the American Power Boat Association. Refer to Community Services Committee.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE ADDED ITEM 7.i. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole
Council 1998 Legislative
Issues

Council President Edwards presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending that Council authorize the following issues as the City of Renton's 1998 legislative priorities:

State and Local Transportation Funding. Support a comprehensive revenue package that recognizes the need for a long-term sustainable transportation revenue stream. Support an increase in the state gas tax and seek approval of new transportation revenue sources. Support existing formulas and increases in the dedicated distribution of gas tax revenue to cities, counties, transit, and the Transportation Improvement Board.

Urban Stabilization Act. Support legislation that would enable cities to finance health, safety, and public improvements in designated areas through state and local excise tax allocations generated by new commercial activity.

Driving While License Suspended Impound Authority. Support legislation that gives cities an option to impound vehicles to restrict the ability of those with a suspended license from driving.

9-1-1 Cellular Phone Tax. Support the addition of a 20-cent per month charge to cellular phone lines. This would provide a similar identification program to what is now in operation for land lines. Support the extension of the 20-cent per month charge on land lines. Currently, this charge is scheduled to be reduced to ten cents per month beginning in 1999.

Criminal Justice Funding. Cities and counties receive a portion of the motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) for criminal justice expenditures. This is a limited resource that is capped by the rate of inflation. Support lifting the "cap" on the MVET funding to cities so that revenues can grow at a rate more comparable to the growth of criminal justice expenditures.

Water Rights/Supply. Retain local control of water supply and planning.

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Planning & Development
Committee

Planning & Development Committee Chair Keolker-Wheeler presented a report regarding medical hardship

Development Services
Temporary Dwellings for
Medical Emergencies

temporary dwellings. The Committee considered a Code amendment to allow park trailers and recreational vehicles as types of temporary dwellings permitted in residential zones for cases of medical hardship. The City Council adopted an ordinance in December, 1995 allowing manufactured homes to be permitted as a temporary dwelling if an applicant demonstrates it as necessary to provide for daily care in the case of a medical hardship. The Code amendment would expand this provision to allow park trailers and recreational vehicles to be included as types of temporary dwellings permitted for demonstrated cases of medical hardship. The Committee recommended that a public hearing be set for January 26, 1998, and that an ordinance be prepared. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utilities Committee
Public Works Springbrook
Creek Drainage Easement,
The Boeing Company

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the Planning/Building/Public Works Department's recommendation that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement regarding a drainage easement dedication with The Boeing Company. The Committee also recommended concurrence in the Planning/Building/Public Works Department's recommendation to offset 100% of the Surface Water Utility system development charge that will become due for Boeing's Family Care Center development proposal (SA-97-140) as compensation for the drainage easement. The amount that would be offset is \$10,379.85. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Utility Skyway Water &
Sewer District Water
Service Area Boundary

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the Planning/Building/Public Works Department's recommendation to approve an interlocal agreement establishing a water service area boundary with the Skyway Water and Sewer District. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 18 for resolution.)

Finance Committee
HR&RM Engineering
Specialist Classification
Series Amendment

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to amend Policy & Procedure 300-60 to add the position of Engineering Specialist I to the classification series of Engineering Specialist. The addition of this position to the classification series will allow the Public Works Department to recruit at a lower level and then promote from this position without going through the competitive process. This change will be effective January 1, 1998. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

HR&RM Reclassifications
& New Positions

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to

approve reclassifications and new positions in the Police Department, the Economic Development, Neighborhoods and Strategic Planning Department, the Information Services Division, and the Maintenance Services Division. If approved, the following positions will be reclassified as described:

Police Secretary, grade 54, to Police Secretary, grade 68 (1998 cost -- \$3,856);
Police Secretary, grade 54, to Police Secretary, grade 68 (\$3,737);
Police Secretary, grade 54, to Police Secretary, grade 68 (\$4,516);
Jailer (EHD), grade 64/69, to Jailer (EHD), 10% premium pay over grade 64/69 (\$4,175);
Engineering Specialist I, grade 13, to Engineering Specialist II, grade 19 (\$3,204);
Engineering Specialist I, grade 13, to Engineering Specialist II, grade 19 (\$3,572);
Maintenance Services Supervisor, grade 20, to Street Maintenance Services Supervisor, grade 23 (\$1,658); and
Maintenance Services Supervisor, grade 20, to Waste Water Maintenance Supervisor, grade 23 (\$1,342).

The following new positions have been included in the 1998 budget; however, no grades were assigned. Therefore, the following grades are proposed for approval:

Public Works Maintenance Manager, grade 26 (no additional cost as the incumbent is in this grade);
Economic Development Specialist, grade 16 (\$36,696 full year cost at step A); and
Network Systems Supervisor, grade 24 (\$44,676 full year cost at step A).

The above changes are effective January 1, 1998. These reclassifications and new positions will have no change in 1998 department budgets. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of Claims Vouchers #154606 - 155109 and three wire transfers in the total amount of \$1,341,189.86. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation Committee

Transportation East Valley Road Rehabilitation, WSDOT Grant, CAG-98-

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Chair Schlitzer presented a report recommending approval of an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the use of \$175,918 in Federal ISTEA funds for the design and construction of the East Valley Road Rehabilitation project (SW 41st to SW 43rd Streets). The local share to be paid by Renton is \$27,455. This project is identified as a priority project in the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP #1 in the Overlay Program). The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for resolution.)

Public Safety Committee
Fire Aid Unit & Pumper
Truck Purchase

Public Safety Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to authorize the Administration to purchase one fire pumper truck and one medical aid unit in 1998, the total cost of both not to exceed \$400,000, including tax and associated equipment. The Committee also recommended that the 1998 Budget be amended to correctly reflect the appropriation of \$400,000 from the Fire Mitigation Fund to purchase and equip the fire engine (pumper) and aid unit. **MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**ORDINANCES AND
RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

Resolution #3298
Transportation East Valley
Road Rehabilitation,
WSDOT Grant, CAG-98-

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a local agency agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for ISTEA grant agreement for the East Valley Road Rehabilitation project. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.**

Resolution #3299
Utility Skyway Water &
Sewer District Water
Service Area Boundary

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an interlocal cooperative agreement entitled "Agreement on the Water Service Area Boundary between the City of Renton and the Skyway Water and Sewer District." **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.**

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 1/26/98 for second and final reading:

Rezone Liberty Park, from
P-1 to CA, R-97-113

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 11.89 acres located at 1103 Bronson Way North (Liberty Park) from P-1 (Public Use) to Arterial Commercial (CA), File No. R-97-113. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/26/98. CARRIED.**

Rezone Cedar River Trail
Park, from P-1 to IH, R-
97-114

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 9.34 acres located north of N. 6th St. (Cedar River Trail Park) from P-1 (Public Use) to Heavy Industrial (IH), File No. R-97-114. **MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/26/98. CARRIED.**

Rezone King County
Drainage Channel (Monster
Rd) from P-1 to RC, R-97-

An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 7.61 acres located at 600 Monster Road SW (King County Drainage Channel) from P-1 (Public Use) to

116 Resource Conservation (RC), File No. R-97-116. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/26/98. CARRIED.

Rezone Wash St Drainage Channel (Monster Rd) from P-1 to RC, R-97-117 An ordinance was read changing the zoning classification of approximately 9,810 square feet located at 556 Monster Road SW (Washington State Drainage Channel) from P-1 (Public Use) to Resource Conservation (RC), File No. R-97-117. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 1/26/98. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS
Council Martin Luther King Jr., Day Observance

Council President Edwards announced that in accordance with Council policy, no City Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. City Hall will be open during regular business hours.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:13 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
1/12/98